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ASSAY

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated August 26, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The shortened statutory period for reply expired on November 26, 2005. Therefore with the accompanying petition for a three-month extension of time, Applicants believe this response is timely filed.

Applicants believe no other fees are due with this response, however the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. If any additional extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants

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hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2350.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: